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SUBJECT: Contact with Communist Chinese

REF: My Interview with President September 9 (INFOIS)

1. SUMMARY. I saw Chinese Charge LEI YANG and his interpreter this evening after Yugoslav reception and told Interpreter that President NIXON wished to have serious concrete talks with Chinese. Interpreter said only that he would report this statement. I believe our conversation was not rpt not observed by other diplomats or by journalists. However, possibility exists that story may get out. Guidance requested whether we should discreetly stimulate press interest. END SUMMARY.

2. The Chinese Charge Lei Yang and his interpreter (name unknown) were present this evening, December 3, at Yugoslav fashion show at Palace of Culture. Immediately after

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conclusion of show, I followed Charge and Interpreter out of building and was able to have brief conversation with interpreter on steps of Palace of Culture. Two Simons was with me. I spoke in Polish. [REDACTED]

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3. As we were [REDACTED], I introduced myself to interpreter as American Ambassador and said I wished to greet the Charge. Interpreter replied: "I don't know. You must wait." Meanwhile, Charge, who had looked back and undoubtedly recognized me, kept on going. I left building with interpreter and, standing on steps, made following statement to him: "I was recently in Washington and saw President Nixon. He told me he would like to have serious, concrete talks with Chinese." Interpreter, who listened attentively but without expression, said in reply: "Good. I will report that." Interpreter then walked on to join Charge who was headed toward his car.

4. Chinese and I left Palace ahead of others attending Yugoslav show. No other diplomats were outside during our

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conversation and I believe we were unobserved. As far as I know, no journalists were present at Tugoslav show.

5. Possibility exists, however, that my talk with Chinese was seen by someone and that story will spread rapidly and will reach foreign journalists. In event we are queried by correspondents who have learned of contact with Chinese, we would propose to follow following guidance.

6. BEGIN PRESS GUIDANCE. (Unnecessary words omitted)

Ambassador spoke briefly evening of December 3 with interpreter accompanying Chinese Chargé d'Affaires ad interim, Mr.

Lei Yang. This action is consistent with interest expressed by President Nixon in having good relations with all countries.

QUESTION: Was this at Ambassador's initiative?

ANSWER: Yes.

QUESTION: Was this first contact between Ambassador and Chinese? <sup>present</sup>

ANSWER: Yes

QUESTION: Why did Ambassador do this; any significance in timing; isn't such action unusual?

ANSWER: No comment; refer to statement.

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QUESTION: Was Ambassador acting under instructions?

ANSWER: No comment; refer to statement.

QUESTION: What was content of conversation; What was reaction of Charge?

ANSWER: Can't comment.

QUESTION: Will there be more contacts of this kind?

ANSWER: Can't speculate.

QUESTION: Does this mean formal US-Chinese talks will be resumed in Warsaw in near future; does it have any bearing on such talks?

ANSWER: The US has frequently expressed the hope that US-Chinese talks could resume in Warsaw or elsewhere. This continues to be our position. We have nothing new on Chinese attitude. / END PRESS GUIDANCE.

7. If no press inquiries develop, it would be easy for us to stimulate such inquiries indirectly and discreetly. We would then respond to questions along X lines of above guidance, amended as Department might feel appropriate. Request guidance whether we should stimulate inquiries. My own feeling is that approach to Chinese and impression it

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will make our aims of our seriousness of purpose will be  
more effective if we refrain from stimulating subsections  
from press.

3. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Chinese Charge  
will probably be present  
/at reception evening December 4 on occasion of national day  
take initiative in speaking to  
of Finland. However, I do not propose to ~~express~~ [Charge  
then  
~~/~~ and I would doubt that he would have had opportunity  
to receive reaction from Peking to my approach by that time.

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